

2020 Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Closing date for applications is **15 November 2019**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Scholarship Offerings	Available	Value	Duration
Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship	7	\$15,000 (\$5000 per year)	3 years

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria.

Student status:

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- be graduating Year 12, or have had no more than 1 gap year since graduating high school and must be starting university undergraduate degree for the first time
- QUT must be your first preference
- Be enrolling in the Bachelor of Information Technology or Bachelor of Games and Interactive Environments or a double degree including one of these degrees.

Academic status

- OP 1 – 5 (or equivalent).
- NOTE: OP bonus schemes are not applied in the assessment of this scholarship.*

SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT AND OFFERS

2. Scholarship assessment is based on:

- academic performance,
- gender and diversity profile,
- demonstrated active interest in making a positive difference through technology (including growing an understanding of technology and its potential),
- commitment to personal and professional growth and development, including the ability to balance studies with other agendas/pursuits and
- demonstrated resilience.

Applicants will be ranked according to the above criteria by a selection panel, consisting of academic staff members from the Science and Engineering Faculty.

3. As part of the selection process and to assist with the evaluation of Westpac Foundation (the Foundation)'s scholarship program, personal information contained within individual applications will be passed to representatives from the Foundation as sponsors of the scholarship.
4. Shortlisted applicants will also be required to attend an interview with representative/s from the Foundation and QUT in December 2019. (Expected interview dates - 18th /19th December 2019)
5. Round 1 scholarship offers apply to the top eligible applicants. **Round 1 offers will be sent via email** in late December 2019. Round 2 offers (top up round) takes place after the acceptance due date for the first round has lapsed. The next eligible applicants are made a scholarship offer in response to those who did not accept their scholarship offer in the first offer round. The total of round 2 offers reflects the total of round 1 scholarship offers declined. Round 2 offers will be sent via email in January 2020.

Only students who are successful in being offered a scholarship are notified.

6. Scholarship recipients will be required to attend the Westpac Scholars Summit in Sydney at the advised time (expected in March) in their first year.
7. Recipients must accept and enrol in Bachelor of Information Technology or Bachelor of Games and Interactive Environments or a double degree including one of these degrees to receive this scholarship.
8. Scholarship recipients are not able to defer their scholarship offer.

9. Scholarship recipients are required to consent to any of their personal information collected by QUT to be provided to the Foundation (or any third party engaged by the Foundation pursuant to the scholarship) to be used by the Foundation (or third party engaged by the Foundation) for the following purposes:
 - a. Maximise participation in activities associated with the scholarship, including with other scholarship recipients e.g as active members of the Westpac Alumni community;
 - b. Promote the Foundation and its activities;
 - c. Promote the scholarship to potential applicants and the community; and
 - d. Communicate continued scholarship eligibility

RETAINING THE SCHOLARSHIP

10. Students must be enrolled full time the Bachelor of Information Technology or Bachelor of Games and Interactive Environments or a double degree including one of these degrees for the duration of their studies to retain this scholarship. The scholarship cannot be deferred. Withdrawal from studies will result in the termination of the scholarship.
11. Recipients must achieve a minimum course grade point average (GPA) of 5.00 in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period. Students who fail to maintain this condition will be placed on scholarship probation in the following semester. If their GPA remains below 5.00 in the probationary semester, the scholarship will be terminated.
12. In the event of special circumstances or adverse event occurring while in the receipt of this scholarship including changes made to their enrolment, students must immediately contact the Science and Engineering Faculty Scholarships Officer to discuss their situation (sef.enquiry@qut.edu.au). Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the scholarship retention requirements (supporting documentary evidence may be requested).
13. Scholarship recipients will actively engage as an alumni member of the Scholarship Program, which includes a commitment, at least for the first 12 months after the scholarship, to actively share their experience, attend alumni events and participate in promotion of the scholarship.
14. Recipients will be required to complete an in-depth report of their Scholarship experience which can be used to promote the scholarship experience by the University, the Foundation or any third party engaged by either entity.
15. Scholarship recipients are expected to comply with the responsibilities and standards of behavior set out in the [QUT Student Code of Conduct \(E/2. 1\)](#) and to be a good and exemplary ambassador of the Scholarship Program.

In the event that scholarship recipients engage in any conduct that would breach the [QUT Student Code of Conduct \(E/2. 1\)](#) then this may lead to: (a) QUT terminating the Scholarship and associated payments; and (b) recipients will be required by QUT to repay the pro-rata value of the Scholarship already received that is referable to the period after termination.

16. Scholarship recipients agree that under no circumstances will the Trust, Westpac Banking Corporation or any of its Related Bodies Corporate be liable or responsible for any loss or damage incurred by the recipients in relation to the Scholarship, including (without limitation) any loss or damage incurred by activities pursued in connection with utilising the Scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

17. The scholarship is valued at up to **\$15,000** and will be paid at \$5,000 per year (\$2,500 per semester) over a three year period of full time study.
18. All scholarship payments are made after HECS census date in line with the semester that payment is entitled.
19. While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarships recipients are required to monitor payments and notify QUT if any over or under payments occur. If under payments occur, the balance will be paid to the student immediately. If over-payments occur the scholarship recipient is required to advise QUT immediately and repay the overpaid amount.

OTHER INFORMATION

20. The Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship aims to address the current lack of gender balance and diversity by broadening the base of students pursuing a career in technology. Therefore for reasons of equity, the assessment will take into consideration gender and diversity factors (i.e. coming from a low socio-economic designated school or having indigenous heritage) and the number of eligible candidates that have already been awarded a merit scholarship.
21. This scholarship is viewed by the ATO as not taxable income. Please note however that Centrelink may include this scholarship entitlement in any means testing as a result of an application made for commonwealth assistance. Please check with Centrelink for a ruling on this issue when applying for commonwealth assistance.

22. This scholarship is bound by QUT’s concurrency policy that determines whether certain scholarship combinations can be held concurrently by a student. For all intents and purposes the Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship is classed as a **Merit** scholarship.

Refer to the QUT Scholarship Concurrency table below:

To determine if you can hold more than one scholarship, locate Scholarship Type A on the X axis and Scholarship Type B on the Y axis then slide down and across simultaneously until you reach the concurrency decision for that scholarship combination. The scholarship type can be confirmed in the respective terms and conditions of the scholarship in question.

Scholarship A classification								
Scholarship B classification		Equity	Merit	Non-Academic	Co-operative	Industry	Bursary	Prize
	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Merit	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
	Non-Academic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Co-operative	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
	Industry	Yes	No	Yes	No	n/a	Yes	Yes
	Bursary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Prize	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

GRIEVANCES

23. Any grievances arising from the administration of this scholarship is governed by [E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances](#) found in QUT’s [Manual of Policy and Procedures](#).
24. Any entitlement grievances related to this scholarship are governed by [E/1.2 Appeals Committee](#) found in QUT’s [Manual of Policy and Procedures](#).